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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figure 1 and new Figures 2-3. Included are a replacement sheet showing Figure 1, which is to replace the original sheet showing Figure 1, an annotated sheet showing the changes to Figure 1 and a sheet having new Figures 2-3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet, Annotated Sheet Showing Changes and Sheet of new Figures.

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REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2005.
Each issue is discussed below.

Objections

(1)
The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a). It is asserted in the official action that the drawings do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

In response, Applicant has amended the drawings to address the specified objections in paragraph 1 of the official action. Accompanying this response is a replacement sheet having figure 1 with the changes incorporated therein, an annotated sheet showing the changes to figure 1 and a sheet of drawings showing added figures 2-3. The changes to figure 1 and new figures 2-3 are directly supported by the claims and the specification. No new matter has been added.

(2)
The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. It is asserted in the official action that claim language of claims 2-4 is not included in the written specification.

In response, Applicant has amended the specification to address the objections. The amendments are supported by the claims. No new matter has been added.

(3)
Claims 1-2 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Titus. A full account of the rejection can be found in paragraph 4 of the official action.

Although Applicant disagrees, the claims have been amended as suggested by in paragraph 7 of the official action. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

(4)
Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by White et

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al. A full account of the rejection can be found in paragraph 5 of the official action.

Although Applicant disagrees, the claims have been as suggested by in paragraph 7 of the official action. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

(6)
Claims 1-2 and 7 were rejected under 35-USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Hau. A full account of the rejection can be found in paragraph 6 of the official action.

Although Applicant disagrees, the claims have been as suggested by in paragraph 7 of the official action. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

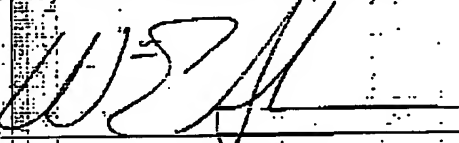
(7)
Claims 3-6 and 8-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Although Applicant disagrees, the claims have been amended as suggested.

The claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. The prompt allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner wishes to discuss further issues, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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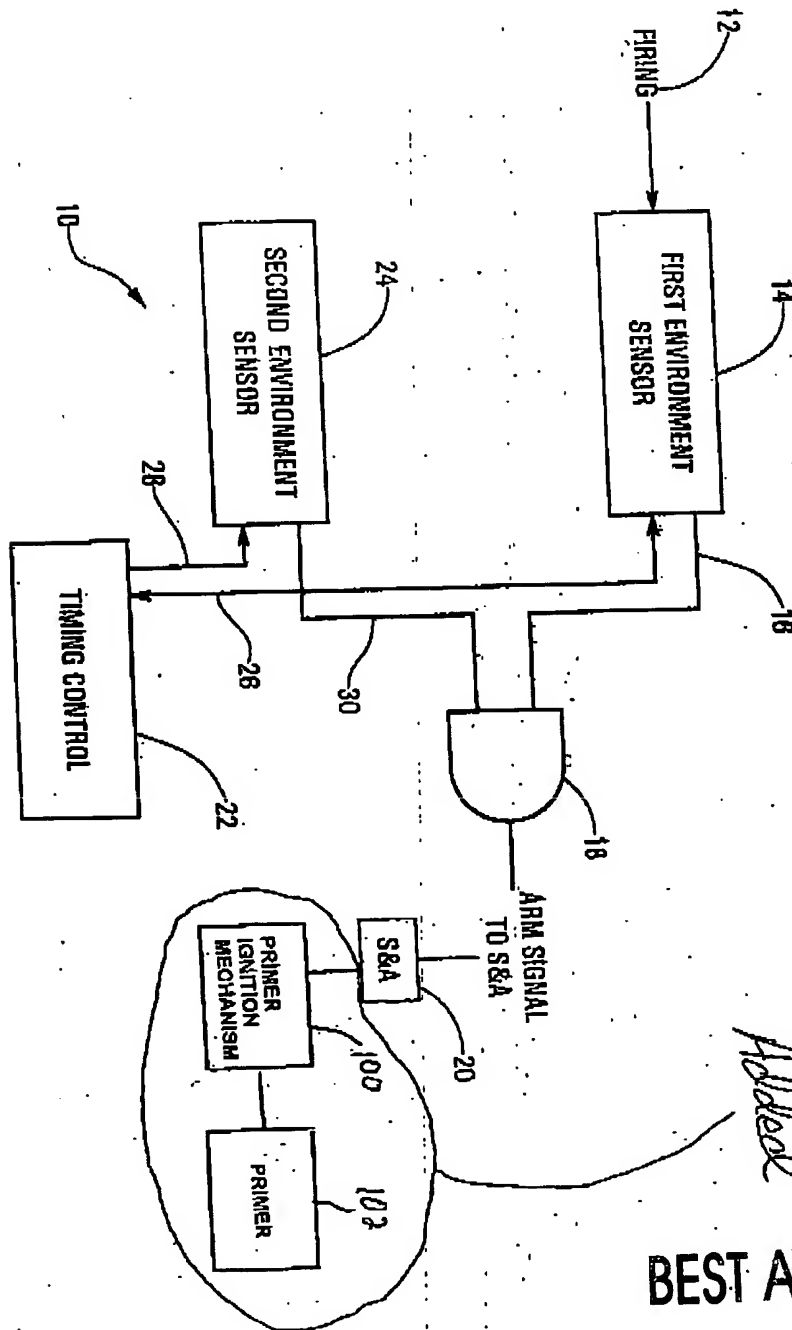
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